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8	UNITED STATES DIS DISTRICT OF	
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10	MICHAEL HARKEY,) Case No. 2:14-cv-00177-MMD-GWF
11	Plaintiff and Proposed Lead Class) DEFENDANT SAFEGUARD
12	Plaintiff for All Nevada Property Owners Similarly Situated, who were deprived of) PROPERTIES LLC'S ANSWER TO) PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED
13	their right to petition the judiciary for redress of grievances by the use of) COMPLAINT)
14	fraudulent recorded documents by the MERS ENTERPRISE described herein,))
15	vs.))
16	US BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE))
17	CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST 2007-6; CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST 2007-6;))
	CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORPORATION;	
18	DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL,INC.; SELET	<i>,</i>)
19	PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; MERSCORP))
20	HOLDINGS, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,))
21	INC.; QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION; BLACK KNIGHT))
22	FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC formerly known as LENDER PROCESSING SERVICES, INC.;))
23	FIDELITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL, INC.; JESSIE BEWLEY; JOSEPH NOEL;))
24	CHRISTINA ALLEN; SHOUA MOUA; BILL	,)
25	KOCH; KIMBERLY CLARK; VANESSA GONZALES; MICHELLE NGUYEN;))
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1	SAFEGUARD PROPERTIES, LLC; ADAM) FENN; EARL BEUTLER; EVE BEUTLER;)		
2	DOES I-XX and ROE CORPORATIONS I-XX,)		
3	inclusive,		
4	Defendant.)		
4	DEFENDANT SAFEGUARD PROPERTIES LLC'S ANSWER		
5	TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT		
6	Defendant, SAFEGUARD PROPERTIES, LLC ("Safeguard") by and through its counsel		
7	Jack P. Burden, Esq., of BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN hereby files its Answer to Plaintiff		
8	MICHAEL HARKEY's Amended Complaint on file herein, admitting, denying and alleging as		
9	follows:		
10	1. Defendant denies each of the allegations contained within the Amended Complaint		
11	unless admitted to or more specifically plead to below.		
12	2. In answering paragraphs 1 and 2 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this answering		
13	Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a believe		
14	as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the		
15	same.		
16	3. In answering paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (a)-(e), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,		
17	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, this answering Defendant states Defendant states that		
18	the allegations contained in said paragraphs are not directed to this answering Defendant and		
19	therefore it makes no answer thereto. However, if an Answer is required Defendant states that it is		
20	without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of		
21	the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.		
22	4. In answering paragraph 22 Defendant admits it is a limited liability company		
23	registered in the State of Delaware and registered to do business in the State of Nevada; Defendant		
24	however denies the remaining allegations.		
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RESERVATION OF RIGHTS TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT

5. In answering paragraph 30 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. In answering paragraphs 31 and 32 this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

7. In answering paragraphs 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68, 69,70, 71,72,73,74,75,76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,102 and 103 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegations against other parties named, this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

COUNT ONE

- 8. In answering paragraph 104 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant re-states and re-alleges each and every allegation, admission and denial previously set forth in this answer and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 9. In answering paragraphs 105 (a)-(f), 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113,114,115,116, 117 and 118 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegation against other parties this answering

Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

COUNT TWO

- 10. In answering paragraph 119 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant re-states and re-alleges each and every allegation, admission and denial previously set forth in this answer and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 11. In answering paragraph 120, 121, 122, 123,124 and 127 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegation against other parties this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.
- 12. In answering paragraphs 125,126, 128, 129, 130 and 131 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

COUNT THREE

- A. Violations of Civil Rights Under 42 USC sec. 1983 and
- B. Proposed Limited Class Action Under F.R. Civ. P. 23
- 13. In answering paragraph 132 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant re-states and re-alleges each and every allegation, admission and denial previously set forth in this answer and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 14. In answering paragraphs 133,134, 135, 136, 137, 138 and 139 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegation against other parties this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations

contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

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COUNT FOUR

Common Law Fraud and Request for Declaratory Judgment Quieting Title to 220 Village Walk Drive, Unit 3315, Henderson, Nevada 89052

- 15. In answering paragraph 140 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant re-states and re-alleges each and every allegation, admission and denial previously set forth in this answer and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 16. In answering paragraphs 141,142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegation against other parties this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and upon said grounds denies the same.

COUNT FIVE

Quiet Title: Defendants Acted Outside Scope of NRS 107.080

- 17. In answering paragraph 151 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant re-states and re-alleges each and every allegation, admission and denial previously set forth in this answer and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 18. In answering paragraphs 152,153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158 and 159 this answering Defendant denies the allegations contained therein specifically against it; as to the remaining allegations against other parties this answering Defendant states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information necessary to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein against other parties, and upon said grounds denies the same.

1	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES		
2	First Affirmative Defense		
3	This answering Defendant alleges that Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief		
4	maybe granted.		
5	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
6	This answering Defendant alleges that it has acted at all times in good faith under the		
7	alleged loss.		
8	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
9	This answering Defendant alleges that Plaintiff has failed to name a party necessary for full		
10	and adequate relief essential in this action.		
11	Fourth Affirmative Defense		
12	This answering Defendant's actions or lack of actions did not violate any State or Federal		
13	laws.		
14	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
15	Plaintiff's claim under 18 USC sec. 1961, et seq., lacks any evidence of proximate		
16	causation.		
17	Sixth Affirmative Defense		
18	Plaintiff comes to this Court with unclean hands.		
19	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
20	Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his damages.		
21	Eighth Affirmative Defense		
22	Plaintiff's alleged damages are barred as they were not proximately caused by this		
23	answering Defendant.		
24	NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
25	Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the statute of limitations.		
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1 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** Plaintiff's damages, if any, incurred by Plaintiff is not attributable to any act, conduct or 2 3 omission on the part of this Defendant. 4 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 5 Any and all damages allegedly incurred by Plaintiff were proximately caused by third 6 persons over whom Defendant has no authority or control. 7 **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 8 This answering Defendant alleges that the damages, if any, to Plaintiff was, as alleged in 9 the Amended Complaint, proximately caused by a new, independent and efficient intervening 10 cause and not by any alleged actions or omissions on the part of this answering Defendant. 11 **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 12 13 Plaintiff's claims for relief are barred under the doctrine of laches. 14 FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 15 Plaintiff's proposed Class Action for limited Relief may not be maintained pursuant to 16 Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. 17 FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 18 Defendant's actions pertaining to the subject property were lawful and justified. 19 SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 20 Defendant incorporates and adopts by reference all applicable affirmative defenses pleaded 21 by other named defendants not expressly set forth. 22 **SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 23 This answering Defendant alleges that punitive and/or exemplary damages are not 24 25 recoverable against the answering Defendant as no facts exist to support the allegation that

Defendants were guilty of malice, recklessness, oppression and fraud.

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EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This answering Defendant hereby incorporates by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, this answering Defendant reserves the right to seek leave of court to amend this Answer to the Complaint to specifically assert any such defense. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defenses.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon filing of this Answer to the Complaint, and therefore this answering Defendant reserves its right to amend this Answer to the Complaint as additional information becomes available.

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1	WHEREFORE, Safeguard Properties, LLC prays for Judgment as follows:					
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3		prejudice;				
4	2.	For attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein; and				
5	3.	For such other and further relief as the Court may deems fit and proper.				
6	D	DATED this 22 nd day of July, 2014.				
7		Respectfully Submitted,				
8			BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN			
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10		Ву:	Jack P. Burden Jack P. Burden, Esq.			
11			3050 South Durango Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117			
12			Attorneys for Safeguard Properties, LLC			
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 I am a resident of and employed in Clark County, Nevada. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is: 3050 South Durango Drive, Las 3 Vegas, Nevada, 89117. 4 22____, 2014, I served this document on the parties listed on the 5 attached service list via one or more of the methods of service described below as indicated next to 6 the name of the served individual or entity by a checked box: 7 VIA U.S. MAIL: by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada. I am 8 'readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence by mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that 9 same day with postage fully prepaid at Las Vegas, Nevada in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if 10 postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing an affidavit. 11 VIA FACSIMILE: by transmitting to a facsimile machine maintained by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service. 12 BY PERSONAL SERVICE: by personally hand-delivering or causing to be hand delivered by such designated individual whose particular duties include delivery of such on 13 behalf of the firm, addressed to the individual(s) listed, signed by such individual or his/her representative accepting on his/her behalf. A receipt of copy signed and dated by 14 such an individual confirming delivery of the document will be maintained with the document and is attached. 15 BY E-MAIL: by transmitting a copy of the document in the format to be used for 16 attachments to the electronic-mail address designated by the attorney or the party who has filed a written consent for such manner of service. 17 BY CM/ECF SYSTEM: by transmitting via the United States District Court's CM/ECF System to the following individuals for which such service is designated on the Service 18 List. 19 I declare that under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the above 20 is true and correct. I further declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of 21 this court at whose direction the service was made. 22 23 24 An employee of BACKUS, CARRANZA & BURDEN 25

1	SERVICE LIST				
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3	ATTORNEYS OF RECORD	PARTIES REPRESENTED	METHOD OF SERVICE		
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